# **PROJECT SCAFFOLD - BEST PRACTICE**

## Organisation contributing the best practice

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#### **BEST PRACTICE**

Name of Best Practice	Preventing Dehydration
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## 1. This proposed best practice is *primarily* related to (please *tick 2 most applicable boxes*):

What Customers want or value		Finances / Costs		Business Processes		Staff	х	Systems	
Organisation Structure		Quality of care	х	Care Service Delivery	х	Health & Safety		Morale	
Other: Please indicate									

## 2. Context: Share information to give more context in relation to where this specific practice is used in your organisation.

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Urban		Rural		Number of Social Grant Recipients					
Care centre	x	Independent Living		Assisted Living	x	Nr. of In-house staff		Nr. of Outsourced staff	
Nr. of rooms		Nr. of beds							

## 3. Description of best practice:

3.1 Share as much detail as possible. Where appropriate, please indicate resident participation, involvement, benefit etc. **Dehydration:** "Losing too much water from the body as a result of not getting enough to drink."

Older people are in increased risk of dehydration of age-related changes.

Recommended daily fluid intake for older people is 2L for men and 1.6L for women.

Warning signs:

Dry mouth,

Cracked lips,

Sunken eyes,

Dark Urine

Needs help drinking from a cup or glass

Has trouble swallowing liquids

Is easily confused / tired

Offer more drinks more frequently Offer drinks earlier ini the day, including before breakfast Using small cups, glasses or mugs Do not rely on residents asking, but pro-actively offer them Promote the intake of fluid with medication Encourage drinking in a social, pleasant environment Find out residents preferences for drink types Involve all staff, including care staff, cleaning and catering staff

If a resident has trouble to swallow liquids use gelatin to set the liquid and serve as a snack

3.2 Why did you develop this best practice? Please describe the challenges, constraints or bottlenecks that led to this. The important of intake of water is underestimate in care

3.3 Why do you consider this to be a best practice? E.g., Outcomes noted								
<ul> <li>Benefit of hydration care</li> <li>Strengthen the immune system</li> <li>Improve quality of life</li> <li>Cost effective</li> </ul>								
3.4 Do you consider this to be compliant with the current Older Persons Act?								
Yes	No							
If Yes, which portions does it comply with?	If No, which portions does it not comply with?							
l do not know								
3.5 How long has this practice been used within the organisation? (state period in years)								
3.6 What are essential aspects in the organisation that directly support / maintain this practice?								
Training / Awareness / Working with care staff								
3.7 What are the benefits for your residents and/or staff and other stakeholders?								
Better quality of life								
3.8 What lessons were learned?								



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